



## **Kincora – Exhibit GC20**

## **D/Con James CULLEN and ACC William MEHARG**

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*This report should be read in conjunction with the statement of D/C/Superintendent Clarke provided to the HIAI and should not be further disseminated.*

## 1. Sources of Information

The information contained within this report is based on material held by the PSNI and the Hughes Inquiry transcripts relating to evidence given by D/Con CULLEN and ACC MEHARG.

## 2. Background

The issue has been raised by the HIA Inquiry as to what ACC MEHARG knew about the behaviour of MAINS, MCGRATH and activities at Kincora Boys Home.

This report seeks to address this by setting out what is known to have been known by the RUC, its date, source, provenance and any other commentary including an assessment as whether or not the matters referred to would have been known to D/Con CULLEN or MEHARG and if so why.

## 3. Overview

There is no evidence held by PSNI that suggests that the MASON file was brought to the attention of the RUC in 1971. Therefore, until 1973 the RUC have no knowledge or awareness of Kincora as a potential locus of child abuse; their knowledge of William MCGRATH is only as an extremist loyalist with connections to PAISLEY and possible homosexual tendencies. In 1972 TARA is thought to be moving toward disbandment and until 1971 its leader is believed to be George MCGRATH of Dungannon; William MCGRATH is only positively identified as the leader of TARA in 1973. There is no identified familial or other connection between these men.

In April and May 1973 the knowledge of the RUC increases to some degree about William MCGRATH and Kincora, on receipt of an SB document (KIN 55076) and a Robopohone message (KIN 21060). Thus there was potential, at that stage, for either an investigation or information sharing with the Welfare authorities for the possibility of taking precautionary action or safeguarding in respect of staff members. This potential has been discussed in my previous statements at some length. Additionally there is no evidence that MEHARG or CULLEN knew of the Robopohone message or the SB50 (KIN 55076).

There is no evidence to suggest that any of the above information was known contemporaneously to CULLEN or MEHARG.

The outcome of any police investigation is speculative, but the fact remains that an effective investigation in 1980 identified and made amenable the three staff members responsible for the vast majority of the abuse of boys in Kincora.

In March 1974 had CULLEN been directed to share the information which he says he had in his possession with the relevant Welfare/ Social Services authorities, the outcome is again speculative.

CULLEN could have told these authorities that there were allegations (which were not going to be evidential as GARLAND would not give a statement) that MCGRATH, who by then worked at Kincora, had previously indecently assaulted GARLAND, then a teenager, during the mid-1950s and early 1960s.

In 1974 CULLEN could not, on his account, have shared any information regarding MAINS or SEMPLE at this time because he had none in his possession.

It is speculative if the information about MCGRATH (which is historic and not related to Kincora) would have resulted in Social Services taking different action in respect of MCGRATH than they had taken in respect of MAINS following the 1967 complaints of [R 6] and [R 5] and 1971 complaints of [R 8].

Again, had the January 1974 anonymous telephone call made to Social Services (taken by Colin MCKAY) about MCGRATH, been passed contemporaneously (or later) to the RUC, it may have supported any investigation by the RUC focussed on MCGRATH. It should be noted that MAINS and MCGRATH were spoken to by Social Services about the contents of the call (to Social Service at their Hollywood Road office) at the time and no further action was taken against MCGRATH. MAINS was treated by Social Services as a credible witness to about MCGRATH's character and behaviour.

In May and September 1974 allegations of indecent assault against William MCGRATH were made to the Social Services authorities concerning [R 15] a Kincora resident. The abuse was raised by [R 15] to his Social Worker and parents. During the 'investigation' of these allegations by Social Services, MAINS was tasked to speak to MCGRATH. As a resolution, the [R 15] boys [R 15] [KIN 224] were returned to their parents. The arrangements for waking the boys in the mornings in Kincora were changed to remove MCGRATH from this role. The allegation made by [R 15] was that MCGRATH had indecently assaulted him when waking him in the mornings; this later emerged in 1980 as one of MCGRATH's MOs. These allegations of indecent assault relating to [R 15], against MCGRATH were not referred to the RUC in 1974 or later.

In February 1976 CULLEN states that he was directed by ACC MEHARG to go to the EHSSB, following further contact between GARLAND and CULLEN. CULLEN spoke to Robert BUNTING, Deputy Director EHSSB. At their meeting CULLEN was informed by BUNTING that Social Services held a file containing allegations of indecent assault against Joseph MAINS, dating back to 1967 and 1971. BUNTING told CULLEN that EHSSB had no known allegations of indecent behaviour against William MCGRATH. **At this juncture the RUC had knowledge that allegations of abuse had been made against both MAINS and MCGRATH;** albeit the allegations against MCGRATH were historical and outside Kincora. Again had an investigation been commenced by the RUC in 1976, the outcome is speculative.

Robert BUNTING told the RUC in 1980 (CASKEY investigation) that no Social Services investigation into MCGRATH/ MAINS/ Kincora was undertaken in 1976 as he believed the matter was being investigated with the RUC, following his conversations with D/Con CULLEN. BUNTING then takes a passive approach whereby he takes very limited action as a consequence of believing that the RUC were investigating. This observation of passivity can apply to both RUC and Social Services as inaction by both organisations meant that the abuse went undetected and that the rediscovered MASON file is not reopened.

The issue of the lack of information sharing arrangements is the crux of a large part of the Kincora 'case'. The lack of a joined up approach and two-way information sharing between Welfare Authorities and the RUC, as well as ineffective information sharing within both organisations, prevented a formal, effective and joint response to abuse in Kincora.

#### 4. What was known to the RUC (Intelligence)

The table below reflects intelligence or other material held by the RUC prior to CULLEN's initial contact with Roy GARLAND. The following table is based on material selected and requested by the HIA Inquiry.

Information Source	Date	Author	Title	Synopsis of information	Comment
Police Report (RUC)  KIN 55073	24/11/1969	D/Sgt 5787 Castlereagh SB Office	Anonymous Letter received by the Inspector General on 5th November 1969	<p>Report addressed to District Inspector Belfast "A" on William Worthington MCGRATH (son of William MCGRATH) who was identified as being the 'young man' referred to in the anonymous letter received by the Inspector General on 5th November 1969.</p> <p>William Worthington MCGRATH is noted as being 19, employed in Frank Rea &amp; Co as a shop assistant and 'of the Protestant faith, loyal and trustworthy'. D/Sgt 5787 states that he visited MCGRATH at his place of work and made himself known to MCGRATH. He asked MCGRATH (who was wearing the UVF badge) if he was a member of the UVF. MCGRATH stated that he was not, nor had ever been. MCGRATH told the SB officer that he only wore the badge because 'of its rarity'. MCGRATH was cautioned about the wearing of his badge as the UVF was an illegal organisation and his wearing of it 'would bring himself unfavourably under notice and may cause offence in certain parts of the City'. MCGRATH subsequently removed the badge. Report concludes 'I believe there is no political significance in him [MCGRATH] wearing the badge'.</p>	<p>This information was received whilst MEHARG was Head of Special Branch, Belfast. As this is relatively low-level information, it is difficult to see why it would have been of concern, far less memorable, to him.</p> <p>It is of note that the information refers to Worthington MCGRATH and not William.</p>
SB Minute  KIN 55087	31/08/1971	ACC Special Branch	Tara Brigade	<p>Report addressed to 'All Special Branch Officers'.</p> <p>One page report on TARA- its structure, membership and finances. Much the same information as the SNUFFBOX report of 16/6/1971 is provided again. The minute concludes, 'Give this matter close attention. Where confirmation already exists report immediately. Where it does not, developments should be reported as</p>	<p><b>MEHARG became ACC Crime in March 1971. He was not an addressee of this report.</b></p> <p>There is no reason to assume he would have seen this as ACC Crime.</p>

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SB Minute KIN 55088	31/08/1971	Supt. for ACC Special Branch	Tara Brigade	<p>Addressed to 'D/Sgt SB, Dungannon'</p> <p>One page report; outlines the man in charge of TARA 'might be identical with George MCGRATH..., Dungannon'.</p> <p>There is reference to a photograph of the George MCGRATH with some suggestion as to whether or not the photograph and the identified George MCGRATH were the same person.</p> <p>The report asks for enquiries to be made of George MCGRATH and 'have a very close look at his recent activities... is there anything to indicate that he is the person we are endeavouring to identify'.</p> <p>Report concludes with a request for Dungannon SB Office to provide a full description of MCGRATH and, if possible, a recent photograph.</p>	<p>This is an SB document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.</p> <p>It is of note that the information contained in this SB report refers to a George MCGRATH and not William.</p>
RUC SB Minute KIN 55116/55089	24/09/1971		George MCGRATH, Dungannon	<p>Memo to the Director General, PO Box 500</p> <p>Reference to 2 previous memos from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September; also attached [not on this copy] is a 'recent photograph of MCGRATH in which he is wearing glasses'.</p>	<p>There is no reason to assume he would have seen this as ACC Crime.</p> <p>It is of note that the information contained in this SB report refers to a George MCGRATH and not William.</p>
Police Report (RUC) KIN 55090	03/12/1971	Supt. for Chief Constable	Tara Brigade	<p>Report addressed to Supt., SB, Belfast</p> <p>DCI, SB, Ballymena D/S, SB, Antrim D/S, SB, Downpatrick</p> <p>Report is a follow up to the request of 31/08/1971 seeking further information on membership and activity of TARA. List a number of individuals said to be linked to TARA in various parts of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Commandant of TARA was noted to be George MCGRATH and the Intelligence Officer, Clifford SMYTH.</p>	<p>This is an SB document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.</p> <p>It is of note that the information contained in this SB report refers to a George MCGRATH and not William.</p>
Police Report (Cheshire Constabulary) KIN 55075	18/12/1971	Manchester and Salford Police	Christian Fellowship Centre and Irish Emancipation Crusade	<p>Report of 7 points, addressed to Manchester Airport SB Unit, following the discovery of leaflets on 17/12/1971, issued by the CFCIEC found in locations within Manchester airport. It notes at point 4, "A search of SB RUC, revealed that...they had no</p>	<p>This is an SB document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.</p>



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				<p>who holds a MBE.</p> <p>Notes that many TARA members have joined the UDR, LAV and Vanguard.</p>	information contained in this SB report refers to a George MCGRATH and not William.
RUC report KIN 55093	06/04/1972	Ch Supt. for Chief Constable	The "Tara Brigade"	<p>Report states that the Tara Brigade is "now finally disbanded", with many of its members joining the UDR, LAV and Vanguard.</p> <p>Report claims that those members who have the UDR have done so particularly for weapon training, "and that if it comes to the crunch they would be prepared to turn on their Officers".</p>	It is unknown if MEHARG would have seen this document as the addressees and not recorded but if he had seen it, the information would have stated that TARA had been disbanded.
RUC SB50 KIN 55076	16/04/1973	Newtownards SB office	TARA	<p>Information on TARA, 'which became public in the Press 11/04/1973'. The C.O. of TARA is listed as William MCGRATH, with Frankie MILLAR his assistant. A number of other current/former TARA members are listed. Report states that TARA membership had been falling 'drastically' and they went public to 'create a myth about their size'.</p> <p>The final paragraph of the reports states, '...MCGRATH is a reputed homosexual...alleged to have kept members ensnared in the organisation by threatening to reveal homosexual activities which he had initiated'.</p>	This is an SB document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.
Annex C to 1127G (Military) KIN 55019	18/04/1973		'Intelligence Summary: Protestant Subversive Activities'	<p>At point 5 'TARA Brigade' it is noted TARA had re-emerged and refers to a series of posters in which TARA presented itself as the new "law and order" Protestant group. 'TARA has in fact existed since 1970'.MCGRATH is named as Belfast Brigade Commander and is said to be a homosexual.</p>	This is a military document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.
Transcript of Robophone Message KIN 55077	23/05/1973			<p>Transcript of a call received on the RUC confidential telephone on 23/05/1973 at 15:05 from a male caller. Information to be 'investigated and results reported'.</p> <p>Caller alleged the key points made by the caller were that a vice ring existed, which centred on William MCGRATH, who was employed at Kincora; that he [MCGRATH] was involved in homosexuality and exploited young boys, sexually, politically and financially. The caller also alleged that MCGRATH was involved in</p>	<p>A number of copies of this transcript exist. A copy was sent to ACC 'C' [Crime] (KIN21067) who was MEHARG. <b>As can be seen at KIN20573, this call was written off by C/Supt RUSSELL, Crime Branch and not by ACC MEHARG.</b> Although passed to ACC 'C' it was dealt with by C/Supt RUSSELL whose remit was "operational oversight of CID".</p>

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				“underground politics”, was the leader of TARA and was in contact with a number of local, homosexual MPs. It was also claimed that MCGRATH had got his job in Kincora through his association with these homosexual politicians.	
Police Report (RUC) KIN 55078	04/06/1973	RUC Strandtown	Anonymous Information Received on Confidential Telephone Line	Addressed to Insp., Strandtown.  Author of report had gone to Kincora on 04/06/1973 and spoke to MAINS about the allegations and Mr MCGRATH, who he described as “a very decent type of chap and had deep religious convictions and is high up in the Orange Order”. MAINS told the officer that the call was ‘some form of crank’ but had no idea who had made the call.	See above.
Police Report (RUC) KIN 55079-55080	05/06/1973	Inspector 6383  Supt.  Supt. for Ch Supt. ‘E’	Anonymous Information received on Telephone Reference No. 2024	Report to ‘SDC, ED’ – follow up to the message received on the confidential telephone line. The report concludes that “there is nothing to indicate that he is engaged in the type of conduct alleged by the caller”. Closed as ‘No Further Action Necessary’.  Forwarded report to Divisional Commander ‘E’  Forwarded to Chief Constable. ‘For Information. No further action necessary’.	See above.
Transcript of Robophone Message KIN 55099	26/09/1973			Transcript of a call re the murder of Thomas HERRON. It is a poor copy and difficult to decipher. There is reference to Dr PAISLEY and ‘leader of the TARA group’ but it is not clear what in what context they are being referred to.	This message may suggest that CID were aware of the TARA group.  This Robophone message also appears to have been signed off by a C/Supt SS RUSSELL (believed to be C/Supt RUSSELL, Crime Branch, the same who had written off the Robophone of the 23/05/1973). There is no reason why MEHARG would have known of this message.
RUC SB 50 KIN 55097	21/10/1973			‘MAYNES’ was a supervisor of William MCGRATH snr at his work with the Belfast Corporation. MCGRATH was noted as being a member of the Christian Fellowship Centre. His address was given at 188 Upper	This is an SB document and there is no record that it was shared with ACC Crime.

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				Newtownards Road.	
Unknown	17/10/1973			<p>Appears to be an extract from a report; paragraph 'E' - 'J'. Paragraph 'F' is commentary on TARA.</p> <p>TARA is described as a splinter group formed from UVF. TARA was run by MCGRATH from his home on the Hollywood Road. The report stated that MCGRATH "got them young and preached religion to them". The report went on to say that MCGRATH preached bigotry and anti-Catholic sources. Describes TARA as a secretive organisation who had 500 guns.</p>	It is unclear who the recipients of this document were.

The contents of the above table supports the contention that the RUC, and in particular ACC MEHARG, had no knowledge of child abuse in Kincora or anywhere, save for the contents of the May 1973 Robophone message, which was investigated at the time and subsequently closed.

### 5. ACC MEHARG's Knowledge of Kincora, MCGRATH and TARA

There are a range of other documents held by PSNI such as statements to both the CASKEY and TERRY inquiries made by (amongst others) CULLEN, MEHARG, McCORMICK, SHAW, GARLAND and GEMMELL; intelligence material including an SB 50 document (KIN 55076) and the 23 May 1973 Robophone message (KIN 21060). All have been supplied to HIAI.

The key source of information to MEHARG between March 1974 and July 1976 was DC CULLEN who was informed, primarily, by GARLAND. GARLAND appears to be the principal source of much of the information on William MCGRATH until the CASKEY investigation of 1980. As such it will be necessary to consider what GARLAND purported to know and this will be established by considering what he told others in the following table:

Individual	Date	Details of GARLAND's accusations re: MCGRATH	GARLAND's motivation for exposing MCGRATH
<b>Clifford SMYTH</b> <sup>1</sup> KIN 10776-83 KIN 40724	c. 1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Told SMYTH that MCGRATH had confided in him that SMYTH was a transvestite</li> <li>GARLAND accused MCGRATH of being a homosexual and a communist.</li> </ul>	SMYTH initially thought GARLAND was motivated by " <i>bitterness and malice</i> " <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Thomas PASSMORE</b> <sup>3</sup> KIN 20710-11	Early 1970s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND claimed that MCGRATH had stroked his knee and made other advances towards him.</li> </ul>	
<b>Frazer AGNEW</b> <sup>4</sup>	1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH was a homosexual</li> </ul>	This was an attempt by

<sup>1</sup> Statement AC SMYTH, 05/05/80 and 27/05/82

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Statement of T PASSMORE, 27/04/82

<sup>4</sup> Statement of WAF AGNEW, 10/05/82

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KIN 20707-08		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH worked in a boys' home in the Upper Newtownards Road</li> <li>GARLAND showed AGNEW letters he had received from MCGRATH.</li> </ul>	GARLAND to save Clifford SMYTH from MCGRATH.
<b>George McCOUBREY</b> <sup>5</sup> KIN 20692-94	Aug/ Sep 1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH was a homosexual</li> <li>McCOUBREY denies that Kincora was ever mentioned.</li> </ul>	GARLAND wanted to warn PAISLEY and McCOUBREY of "MCGRATH's activities in the political and religious context <sup>6</sup> ".
<b>Rev Henry AITCHISON</b> <sup>7</sup> KIN 20695	c. 1971/72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND spoke about homosexual approaches made to him by a man who ran an annual autumn religious conference in Bangor. AITCHISON could not confirm if the man in question was MCGRATH.</li> <li>GARLAND had already gone to Rev PAISLEY with his concerns.</li> <li>AITCHISON claims he was first approached by GARLAND's father who wanted him [AITCHISON] to talk to his son on an advisory and spiritual level.</li> </ul>	
<b>Rev John LOCKINGTON</b> <sup>8</sup> KIN 20696	c. 1971/1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND told of the financial dispute with MCGRATH during a 'chance' meeting with LOCKINGTON. LOCKINGTON is clear that GARLAND did not mention anything of homosexual nature about MCGRATH.</li> </ul>	GARLAND was "hurt and sore" about the business arrangement with MCGRATH which had fallen through.
<b>Jim McCORMICK</b> <sup>9</sup> KIN 10761 KIN 40702-03	c. 1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH had made a homosexual approach to GARLAND in the 1960s</li> <li>MCGRATH was employed in Kincora</li> <li>MCGRATH used him [GARLAND] as a 'facilitator' in arranging for boys to be brought to MCGRATH for treatment for emotional blocks</li> <li>MCGRATH's method of treating the boys involved inducing them into homosexual acts [with MCGRATH]</li> <li>GARLAND claimed he had brought 20 boys to MCGRATH in the 1960s</li> <li>MCGRATH used similar techniques to abuse women.</li> </ul>	GARLAND had sued MCGRATH for over £2000.
<b>RUC</b> <sup>10</sup> - anonymous call KIN 21060-69	May 1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a vice ring centred around MCGRATH</li> <li>MCGRATH worked in Kincora</li> <li>MCGRATH was a practising homosexual</li> <li>MCGRATH exploited boys sexually, politically and financially.</li> </ul>	GARLAND claims he made an anonymous call to the RUC in order to provoke some police action.
<b>D/Con James CULLEN</b> <sup>11 12</sup>  KIN 10755-58 KIN 10759-60 KIN 20722 KIN 40736-37 KIN 50665-70 KIN 11171-11207	1973 - 1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH was employed at Kincora</li> <li>GARLAND was convinced that MCGRATH was a homosexual and unsuitable for this type of employment</li> <li>MCGRATH had sexually interfered with GARLAND [touched his privates in an attempt to overcome an emotional block] when he was a teenager, after developing a relationship through religious and political associations</li> </ul>	GARLAND claims his motivation in telling CULLEN about MCGRATH was to "try to get something done about Kincora and MCGRATH's employment there". CULLEN stated that

<sup>5</sup> Statement of G McCOUBREY, 22/05/82

<sup>6</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Statement of Rev HH AITCHISON, 28/04/82

<sup>8</sup> Statements Rev J LOCKINGTON, 28/04/82

<sup>9</sup> Statements of J McCORMICK, 30/04/80 and 10/03/82

<sup>10</sup> See Exhibit SEC18, RUC Kincora Investigation Phase II

<sup>11</sup> Statements of D/Con J CULLEN, 30/04/80, 19/06/80 and 17/08/82; C/Insp FLENLEY, 12/03/82

<sup>12</sup> Exhibit JC8, part of C64/2/80

Individual	Date	Details of GARLAND's accusations re: MCGRATH	GARLAND's motivation for exposing MCGRATH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Sexual perversions took place between MCGRATH and himself [GARLAND] on numerous occasions<sup>13</sup>."</li> <li>• GARLAND also alleges that a massage machine was used on him by MCGRATH to sexually stimulate him.</li> <li>• MCGRATH, naked, locked GARLAND in a room in his house, masturbated him and took photographs</li> <li>• MCGRATH used nude or porn photographs to 'excite' his subjects</li> <li>• MCGRATH had made similar approaches to other young men, including UDR Captain N</li> </ul>	GARLAND had also made him aware of the financial dispute between GARLAND and MCGRATH.
Valerie SHAW <sup>14</sup> KIN 10771-73 KIN 40708-14	1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was "a homosexual ring and MCGRATH was the King pin"</li> <li>• Clifford SMYTH was a transvestite. MCGRATH had helped SMYTH to overcome this through homosexuality</li> <li>• MCGRATH was employed at Kincora</li> <li>• GARLAND also told SHAW that MAINS was a homosexual. There is no record that SHAW relayed to John GRAHAM.</li> </ul>	SHAW claims GARLAND went to her in order to use her influence with Rev PAISLEY to get Clifford SMYTH to expose MCGRATH's activities. "The whole purpose was to get MCGRATH removed from Kincora where he was employed <sup>15</sup> ".
UDR Major H 16 KIN 30152-53	1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William MCGRATH was a homosexual</li> <li>• MCGRATH was employed in a Boys' Home.</li> </ul>	SCOTT claims that GARLAND did not specifically mention Kincora or that MCGRATH had previously committed any offences.
Rev Ian PAISLEY MP <sup>17</sup> KIN 10774-75 KIN 40704	Jan 1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GARLAND accused MCGRATH of being a homosexual</li> <li>• MCGRATH had tried to "corrupt" him and on one occasion masturbated in front of GARLAND who was in the bath.</li> </ul>	
Rev Fergus BELL <sup>18</sup> KIN 20702-03	Early 1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCGRATH was a homosexual and had made advances to GARLAND</li> <li>• GARLAND had a number of letters from MCGRATH which would "prove the relationship between him and MCGRATH."</li> </ul>	Mental turmoil caused by MCGRATH's homosexual approaches to GARLAND.
Rev Brian KENNAWAY <sup>19</sup> KIN 20697	1974/ 1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCGRATH was a homosexual and was involved with "juniors". KENNAWAY misinterpreted this to be a reference to the Junior Orange Lodge.</li> <li>• MCGRATH had tried to get GARLAND involved in homosexuality which had made GARLAND sick.</li> </ul>	
Brian GEMMELL <sup>20</sup> KIN 30145-47	c. 1975/ 1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GARLAND was afraid of MCGRATH</li> <li>• MCGRATH had recruited young boys into his "circle of influence ... masturbation being the main theme".</li> </ul>	GARLAND was outraged that MCGRATH was in charge of a boys' home.

<sup>13</sup> Exhibit JC1, part of C64/2/80

<sup>14</sup> Statements of Valerie SHAW, 02/03/80 and 29/03/82

<sup>15</sup> Statements of Valerie SHAW, 02/03/80

<sup>16</sup> Statement of UDR Major H, 28/09/1982

<sup>17</sup> Statements of DS ELLIOTT, 07/06/80 and D/Supt HARRISON, 27/05/82

<sup>18</sup> Statement of Rev F BELL, 27/04/82

<sup>19</sup> Statement Rev B KENNAWAY, 28/04/82

<sup>20</sup> Statement of B GEMMELL, 16/07/82

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH made homosexual advances towards GARLAND, before and after he was married.</li> <li>MCGRATH was in charge of a boys' home on the Newtownards Road.</li> </ul>	
<b>Corporal Q</b> [REDACTED] KIN 30148-49 KIN 30162	Summer 1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND claimed MCGRATH once tried to get him "to go with a dog"</li> <li>MCGRATH was a housefather at a boys' home.</li> </ul>	
<b>Rev John MORROW</b> <sup>22</sup> KIN 20700	1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH had made homosexual approaches to GARLAND which he found difficult to extract himself from</li> <li>MCGRATH had sent letters to GARLAND inviting a homosexual relationship.</li> </ul>	Mental turmoil caused by MCGRATH's homosexual approaches to GARLAND and loss of faith.
<b>Rev Tom SHAW</b> <sup>23</sup> KIN 20704-06	Mid 1970s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH had homosexual tendencies and that GARLAND may have been approached by MCGRATH.</li> </ul>	
<b>UDR Captain N</b> <sup>24</sup> KIN 20690-91 KIN 11648 KIN 40721-23	Not clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND and [REDACTED] discussed their similar experiences of homosexual approaches made by MCGRATH. [REDACTED] knowledge and attempted exposure, of MCGRATH's homosexuality predates MCGRATH's employment at Kincora.</li> </ul>	
<b>Clarence HOGG</b> <sup>25</sup> KIN 30143-44	Not clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH was a homosexual.</li> </ul>	
<b>David BROWNE</b> <sup>26</sup> KIN 10873-74 KIN 20692-94	Not clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH was a homosexual and worked in Kincora.</li> <li>Despite the fact that both GARLAND and McCOUBREY claim BROWNE was informed about MCGRATH, BROWNE denies being aware of any sexual misbehaviour between MCGRATH and GARLAND before 1980.</li> </ul>	
<b>Rev Martin SMYTH</b> <sup>27</sup> KIN 10790 KIN 20719-20	Not clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GARLAND claims he went to see SMYTH about MCGRATH. SMYTH does not mention this visit in his statements to police.</li> </ul>	
<b>Dr GLASGOW</b> <sup>28</sup> KIN 20712-14	Not clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH had a 'peep-hole' in the floor above the ceiling of the female resident's room.</li> </ul>	

The above table illustrates that GARLAND, in the 1970s, told numerous individuals about William MCGRATH. To a large extent GARLAND is consistent in what he alleges about MCGRATH.

Whilst the table shows that Valerie SHAW claims that GARLAND told her that MAINS was a homosexual; there is no record in her statement that she passed this information on to D/Supt. John GRAHAM when she met him in June 1974. Her statement places the meeting with GRAHAM before she learns of MAINS homosexuality from GARLAND.

<sup>21</sup> Statement of [REDACTED] Corporal Q, 22/07/82 and 23/12/82

<sup>22</sup> Statement of J MORROW, 30/04/82

<sup>23</sup> Statement of Rev T SHAW, 27/04/82

<sup>24</sup> Statements of [REDACTED] UDR Captain N, 30/07/80, 06/04/82 and 19/05/82

<sup>25</sup> Statement of CT HOGG, 6/5/82

<sup>26</sup> Statement of G McCOUBREY, 22/05/82, D BROWNE, 25/06/80

<sup>27</sup> Statements of Rev WM SMYTH, 16/04/80 and 03/06/82

<sup>28</sup> Statement of D/Sgt ELLIOTT, 08/06/82

In 1980 ACC MEHARG, in his statement to the RUC KIN 10763-10764 said that in 1974 he had been told by D/Con CULLEN that William MCGRATH was **employed as Warden at Kincora Boys' Hostel**, may have had **homosexual tendencies**, and had **written letters** to an unnamed male, "in endearing terms". He confirmed he had seen the report of 21 March 1974 (Exhibit DBE16 KIN 114028-114030), as well as copies of the letters from MCGRATH, photographs of MCGRATH from newspapers and other documentation (Exhibit DBE1). MEHARG denied having received the Mason File or having knowledge of its contents in 1976. He further stated never having heard the name MAINS mentioned until DCI CASKEY was carrying out his investigation in 1980.

In 1982, MEHARG confirmed to Sussex police (KIN 40655-40660) that he had been told by CULLEN that MCGRATH was a **homosexual**. MEHARG believed **TARA and the Heritage Orange Lodge** may have been mentioned, but thought these were one and the same. He also stated that "there was no mention of paramilitary organisations".

MEHARG further stated that CULLEN had told him that "**the allegations had been investigated by the Welfare Authority**". MEHARG understood that the result of the Welfare enquiry was that they were taking no further action. This supports CULLEN's assertion that he spoke with BUNTING, became aware of the Mason File and reported same back to ACC MEHARG who then directed him to obtain a copy of the file. Despite directing CULLEN to obtain the file, MEHARG claims he never received the file and did not enquire as to why he had never received it.

In 1982 MEHARG reiterated that he had not heard about Joseph MAINS until CASKEY informed him about progress of his [CASKEY's] 1980 investigation.

CULLEN conversely alleges that he told MEHARG **everything** he knew about William MCGRATH, **his employment at Kincora, his homosexuality, indecent assault on GARLAND and involvement with TARA**. This information would have included details about MCGRATH's **use of pornography and massage machine which he would use to stimulate the penis**. CULLEN also claims that he forwarded a copy of the Mason File to ACC MEHARG in March 1976, through the internal RUC post. MEHARG claims that he never received the file or followed up why he hadn't received it.

DBE 16 supports MEHARG's assertion about his state of knowledge, more than CULLEN'S. However, it needs to be considered that if the contents of this report dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1974 contained all that MEHARG knew in March 1974, it is hard to reconcile why he would have directed CULLEN to undertake further enquiries. Further, it is not clear why he did not challenge the absence of any reference to homosexuality within the report.

## 6. D/Con CULLEN's Knowledge of Joseph MAINS

D/Con CULLEN knew from his initial contacts with Roy GARLAND in 1974 that Joseph MAINS was the "Superintendent" in Kincora (KIN114028-114030); although MAINS was incorrectly spelt as MAYNES.

Confusion over what exactly CULLEN knew [from GARLAND] about MAINS emerges on reading Exhibits JC8 (KIN50665 – 50670) and CULLEN's report dated 26/01/80 – Allegations of Indecent Behaviour and Questionable Activities of William MCGRATH, 50-60 years, 188 Upper Newtownards

Road, Belfast (KIN 50579-81). In his 1980 statements to the RUC and during interview in 1982 by the TERRY Review team, CULLEN indicates that it was Robert BUNTING (EHSSB), during their first meeting in February 1976, who made him aware of previous allegations against MAINS.

In her statement to the TERRY Review team, Valerie SHAW said that Roy GARLAND had told her in about 1974 that MAINS was also a homosexual and worked at Kincora. SHAW stated that she considered going to the Social Services but "*decided that there must be something wrong with the system for them to employ two men at Kincora with homosexual inclinations*" (KIN40714). SHAW's knowledge of McGRATH was passed on to D/Supt. John GRAHAM and Rev PAISLEY. It is not clear if she told anyone about MAINS; in fact she rule about telling PAISLEY about MAINS as she considered it to be a '*rumour*'.

These two documents refer to CULLEN's 'informant' disclosing in 1976 that MAINS may have been interfering with some of the Kincora boys. At JC8 paragraph 10 (KIN50668) CULLEN noted that "a person called MAYNES [sic] ... had been investigated for interfering with young boys at a holiday camp". In CULLEN's 1980 report at paragraph 16, reference is made to being told in January 1976 by his informant that the superintendent "may have been involved with interfering with some of the boys". In the same paragraph CULLEN states that it was in January 1976 that he learned that MCGRATH was employed In Kincora. It is known that CULLEN knew from initial meetings with GARLAND in 1974 that MCGRATH was employed at Kincora (see Exhibit DBE16) therefore the paragraph 16 is factually incorrect. If the first point of paragraph is factually incorrect it casts doubt as to the accuracy of the second point of this paragraph. During questioning at the Hughes Inquiry CULLEN confirms that it was Robert BUNTING (EHSSB) who brought to his attention the allegations about MAINS and the Mason File. CULLEN stated "it came as a surprise and revelation really when Mr BUNTING told me that there had been some activity in relation to Mr MAINS" (KIN72133).

It is unclear how Roy GARLAND would have had any knowledge of MAINS' activities, far less the contents of the Mason File in 1974, as alleged by SHAW (KIN 40708-40714), given that the file does not appear to have had any dissemination outside a small group of individuals within the Belfast City Welfare Department and later EHSSB.

## **7. Sequence of Events and other information relating to the CULLEN and MEHARG**

### **Circa 1972**

Roy GARLAND first met Jim McCORMICK<sup>29</sup>, having gone to him "*seeking counsel*". GARLAND told McCORMICK that:

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<sup>29</sup> Statement of WJMCK McCORMICK, 10/03/82 and 10/03/82

- MCGRATH had made a homosexual approach towards GARLAND in the 1960s.
- MCGRATH was a homosexual who would ‘treat’ young boys for emotional blocks by sexually exploiting them.
- MCGRATH was employed in Kincora
- MCGRATH used GARLAND as a ‘facilitator’ in arranging for boys to be brought to MCGRATH for treatment for emotional blocks; having arranged for 20 boys to be brought to MCGRATH in the 1960s.
- MCGRATH was involved in TARA and used young people to infiltrate organisations including the Young Unionists and Martyr’s Memorial Church.

### November 1973

D/Con CULLEN, through James McCORMICK<sup>30</sup>, was made aware of “*an incident about a friend [of McCORMICK’s] who had some time previous, allegedly been sexually abused and influenced by a man... who was a lay-preacher who used his connections with his meetings to contact and influence young teenage boys*”.<sup>31</sup> The ‘friend’ was Roy GARLAND and the lay preacher referred to, William MCGRATH.

### 1<sup>st</sup> March 1974

D/Con CULLEN met Roy GARLAND at McCORMICK’s home. He was accompanied by a colleague, D/Con DUFF. (“He [GARLAND] objected to another police officer present during his conversations”<sup>32</sup>). According to CULLEN<sup>33</sup>, at this first meeting, GARLAND made a series of allegations against William MCGRATH, which included:

- **as a teenager, William MCGRATH had sexually abused him**
- **Clifford SMYTH was ‘connected’ to MCGRATH’s sexual activities**
- **Dr. PAISLEY had been made aware of MCGRATH’s behaviour**
- **MCGRATH was employed in Kincora Boy’s Home**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1974

D/Con James CULLEN met with ACC MEHARG at RUC HQ and “*made him aware of the information I had received*”.<sup>34</sup> According to MEHARG, CULLEN told him that William MCGRATH was employed as a

<sup>30</sup> James McCormick was a Carryduff-based vet, who was involved in Home Missionary work, and labelled himself as an ‘Evangelist’.

<sup>31</sup> Statement of D/Con James Price CULLEN 30/04/1980

<sup>32</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>33</sup> Statement of James CULLEN 30/04/1980 and Sussex Police Exhibit 7

<sup>34</sup> Statement of James CULLEN 30/04/1980

warden in Kincora and “*may have homosexual tendencies*”.<sup>35</sup> CULLEN claims that, despite knowing details of MCGRATH’s employment, “*no allegations of misconduct at the home [KINCORA] were made at this stage*”<sup>36</sup>. At the conclusion of their meeting, ACC MEHARG instructed CULLEN to further his enquiries and report back.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> March 1974**

D/Con CULLEN submitted a written report (DBE16) to ACC MEHARG<sup>37</sup>; this report significantly makes no mention of TARA, homosexuality or abuse but acknowledges that MCGRATH worked in Kincora. **This is clearly an incomplete rendering of what CULLEN says he told MEHARG.** Around this period, CULLEN says he supplied copies of letters from MCGRATH to GARLAND as well as other documentation.

The following are a series of meetings that CULLEN told the Hughes Inquiry he recorded in his journal. PSNI do not have a copy of this journal therefore references to an entry in the journal are based on CULLEN’s evidence to the Hughes Inquiry.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> July 1974** (KIN 72302)

Entry in D/Con CULLEN’s journal “Went with informant to meet other contacts re special investigation to obtain intelligence on suspects (permission of Detective Sergeant McBride to perform this duty”).

#### **July 1974**

CULLEN last spoke to MEHARG re Garland’s allegations and no further enquiries were undertaken- “*No evidence of an up-to-date nature was forthcoming*”.<sup>38</sup>

#### **Early January 1976**

Roy GARLAND made further contact with D/Con CULLEN to “*advise he was concerned that MCGRATH was still employed in Kincora*”<sup>39</sup>.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> January 1976** (KIN 72303)

Entry in CULLEN’s police journal “I talked to Mr MEHARG (SEC on phone), later to HQ to see Mr MEHARG and bring file”.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> January 1976** (KIN 72303)

CULLEN met ACC MEHARG at RUC HQ “Duty to HQ, (appointment with Mr Meharg).”

#### **30<sup>th</sup> January 1976** (KIN 72303)

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<sup>35</sup> Statement of William MEHARG 22/07/1980

<sup>36</sup> Statement of D/Con James CULLEN 19/06/1980

<sup>37</sup> Exhibit DBE16, part of C64/2/80

<sup>38</sup> Statement of D/Con J CULLEN, 30/4/80

<sup>39</sup> *ibid.*

“Inquiries re HQ File for Mr Meharg”.

**5<sup>th</sup> February 1976** (KIN 72303)

“Inquiries Castlereagh and Knock re headquarters investigation”.

**6<sup>th</sup> February 1976** (KIN 72303)

“Duty to Knock headquarters re file”.

**19<sup>th</sup> February 1976** (KIN 72304)

CULLEN states that on ACC MEHARG’s instruction, CULLEN met with Robert BUNTING, Assistant Director EHSSB. BUNTING confirmed that MCGRATH was employed in Kincora and told CULLEN of previous allegations of homosexual behaviour against Joseph MAINS, which had been investigated by Henry MASON. “To University Street to health board office re inquiries for Mr MEHARG, etc”.

**25<sup>th</sup> February 1976** (KIN 72304)

“...Other inquiries for Mr MEHARG”

**15<sup>th</sup> March 1976** (KIN 72304)

D/Con CULLEN was given a copy of the Mason File at a meeting he attended with Mr BUNTING and Mr GILLILAND (Director EHSSB). CULLEN claims that he rang MEHARG and verbally briefed him on the contents of the Mason File prior to copying the File and sending it in the internal RUC post. “Collection of a file re Mr Meharg inquiry”.

**16<sup>th</sup> March 1976** (KIN 72305)

“Return file to University Street (Inquiry Mr Meharg)”.

There are no further known contacts between CULLEN and MEHARG.

## **8. Evidence of CULLEN and MEHARG to the Hughes Inquiry**

The table below provides a summary of some of the key points covered in interview of CULLEN and MEHARG when they appeared in front of the Hughes Inquiry.

CULLEN told the Hughes Inquiry that he went to an ACC in March 1974, with the information he had obtained from GARLAND due to the sensitivity of the information ... the fact that my informant was concerned about his welfare and perhaps that Mr MCGRATH had associations with a subversive organisation” (KIN72125). MEHARG appears to agree with CULLEN stating that the initial meeting in 1974 “was an important visit” (KIN72221).

It is CULLEN’s version that he passed on to MEHARG all the information he had obtained from GARLAND, in a contemporaneous manner.

Knowledge	CULLEN	MEHARG	Comment
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Knowledge	CULLEN	MEHARG	Comment
MCGRATH had homosexual tendencies	Was told by GARLAND in March 1974 (KIN 72124)	Accepted he was told by CULLEN at the initial meeting in 1974 (KIN 72215)	No conflict between CULLEN and MEHARG.
MCGRATH worked in Kincora	Was told by GARLAND in March 1974 (KIN 72126)	Accepted he was told by CULLEN at the initial meeting in 1974 (KIN 72215)	No conflict between CULLEN and MEHARG.
MCGRATH may be involved with a 'subversive organisation'	Was told by GARLAND in March 1974 (KIN 72125)	Accepted that CULLEN told him of 'possible connections to paramilitaries' at initial meeting in March 1974 (KIN 72222)	No conflict between CULLEN and MEHARG. This also conflicts with his 1982 statement to the TERRY Review. (KIN 40655-40660)
Read letters sent from MCGRATH to GARLAND	Had obtained copies of letters sent to GARLAND from MCGRATH (KIN 72153).	At their second meeting, D/Con CULLEN produced a number of documents, particularly letters, which MEHARG took home to consider (KIN 72216, 72249)	Although both men agree that they read the letters, MEHARG stated that he was not satisfied that the contents were of a homosexual nature (KIN72277 – 72280). CULLEN conversely said that MCGRATH's homosexual tendencies were corroborated by these letters (KIN 72153).
Indecent acts between MCGRATH and GARLAND	CULLEN was told that William MCGRATH had interfered with GARLAND as a teenager, homosexually (KIN 72124, 72264)	MEHARG claims he asked CULLEN if there had been any homosexual act between MCGRATH and CULLEN's informant and that CULLEN replied "in the negative" (KIN 72249, 72230).	Clear conflict in the evidence of CULLEN and MEHARG.
Contact with EHSSB	CULLEN received direction from MEHARG in January 1976 to contact EHSSB (KIN 72265) to confirm MCGRATH's employment in Kincora.	Confirmed he asked CULLEN to get a copy of the file about the earlier investigation by the EHSSB [Mason File] KIN 72232	No conflict between CULLEN and MEHARG.
Copy of the Mason File sent to ACC MEHARG	On 15 <sup>th</sup> March 1976 sent a copy of the Mason File in the internal RUC mail to MEHARG at RUC HQ (KIN 72127)	MEHARG claims that he never received a copy of the Mason File but never made any enquiries as to why the file never arrived with him (KIN 72233).	Clear conflict in the evidence of CULLEN and MEHARG.
Knowledge of allegations against MAINS	CULLEN first found out about allegations concerning MAINS from BUNTING in 1976 and relayed to MEHARG the	Name MAINS was unknown until it was raised by DCI CASKEY in 1980 (KIN 72218, 72241). MEHARG claimed he believed the Mason File referred to allegations	Clear conflict in the evidence of CULLEN and MEHARG.

Knowledge	CULLEN	MEHARG	Comment
	information gleaned about the contents of the Mason File. (KIN72127,72162)	against MCGRATH not MAINS (KIN72359)	
Knowledge of TARA	CULLEN told MEHARG "full details of the paramilitary information in relation to TARA" (KIN72270); also that he had provided MEHARG with the TARA Proclamation (KIN72206)	MEHARG acknowledges he was told about TARA but not at the initial meeting (KIN72215)	Both admit being aware of MCGRATH's links/ involvement in TARA.

MEHARG accepted to the Hughes Inquiry that "with hindsight, I should have investigated – carried out an investigation in 1974, which I regret" (KIN72374).

#### 9. Synopsis of reports prepared by D/Con CULLEN (DBE16 and JC1-8 (KIN 50646-50670))

Exhibit Number	Synopsis of Information	Comment
DBE16 3 page typed report addressed to ACC MEHARG dated 21/03/74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 points report</li> <li>Mentions MCGRATH as Warden in Kincora Boys' Hostel and Joseph MAYNES [sic] as Superintendent</li> <li>Provides background information about MCGRATH, his family, employment and his involvement with the Christian Fellowship Centre &amp; Irish Emancipation Crusade</li> <li>Refers at Point 14 that MCGRATH gave the impression that he was a qualified masseur and was in possession of a massage machine.</li> <li>Names a number of individuals who had been under MCGRATH's influence, suffered either nervous breakdown or been financially "ruined" by MCGRATH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produced by D/Con CULLEN in 1974 who stated that it was "an unsigned log which was designed to enable me to update should I receive further information concerning the matter ... I never submitted a final completed signed report on my enquiries but I always made Mr MEHARG aware of any fresh intelligence I gained from my enquiries"</li> <li>MEHARG confirmed to the RUC in 1980 that he had seen this report</li> </ul>
DBE1 Described by MEHARG and CULLEN as various documentation and photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is impossible to be definitive as to the composition of DBE1. The exhibit label in the 1980 RUC Investigation Phase 1 describes it as 'letters and newspaper cuttings handed to D/Sgt ELLIOTT by D/Con CULLEN' and is 11 pages in total</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produced by D/Con CULLEN in 1980 to RUC Phase 1 investigation which he alleges he obtained in 1974 and passed to ACC MEHARG c. March 1974</li> <li>MEHARG confirmed to the RUC in 1980 that he had seen DBE1</li> </ul>
JC1 Photocopy of 1 page of handwritten notes (undated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 handwritten points which were typed up and became paragraphs 10 &amp; 11 in D/Con CULLEN's report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 'Intelligence relating to a paramilitary organisation known as TARA and concerning William MCGRATH, 188 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast'</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> point refers to MCGRATH invites young male teenagers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produced by D/Con CULLEN in 1980 to Hughes Inquiry</li> <li>These 2 points are similar to points contained within JC5</li> <li>CULLEN told the Hughes Inquiry that the document was compiled in 1974 and</li> </ul>

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	<p>to his home to discuss the need for loyalist leadership today. He would indoctrinate these young men and stressed the need for physical, moral and mental stability as well as sexual stability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCGRATH claimed without sexual freedom it resulted in a “block”</li> <li>• Refers to the source as “a victim of MCGRATH’s deception and manipulation” and mentions “sexual perversion took place between MCGRATH and himself on numerous occasions”</li> <li>• States MCGRATH had a massage machine which MCGRATH used for stimulating his subject</li> <li>• Individuals were asked to strip, whilst MCGRATH was usually naked</li> <li>• Before stripping himself, MCGRATH would leave the room and go upstairs. The impression was that he set up photography or a tape recorder</li> </ul>	<p>that MEHARG had been made aware of the information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> <li>• These two points are not contained within DBE16</li> </ul>
<p>JC2 (Intelligence Log – William MCGRATH)</p> <p>Similar to Exhibit DBE16 with a number of adjustments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 points which were typed from the original DBE16 Exhibit and later became part of D/Con CULLEN’s report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 ‘Intelligence Log – William MCGRATH’</li> <li>• Point 1 of DBE16 has been changed and points 24-26 have been added</li> <li>• Addition to Para 14 referring to a machine to stimulate the penis</li> <li>• Addition to Para 16 re: MCGRATH living in Earl Street, Belfast in his early days</li> <li>• Point 24 refers to the death of a man ██████████, in a road traffic accident</li> <li>• Point 25 refers to a solicitor who is friendly with MCGRATH</li> <li>• Point 26 refers to ██████████ (as per point 1 of JC7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by D/Con CULLEN between Mar and Jul 1974 (KIN72306)</li> <li>• CULLEN told the Hughes Inquiry he was unsure if MEHARG had actually received the document but was fully aware of the information contained in it</li> <li>• Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> </ul>
<p>JC3</p> <p>Photocopy of 15 pages of handwritten notes addressed to ACC MEHARG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 54 handwritten points which were typed up and is very similar to D/Con CULLEN’s report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 ‘Intelligence Log – William MCGRATH’</li> <li>• One difference is that JC3 does not note a machine for stimulating the penis at Para 14</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by D/Con CULLEN; CULLEN claimed it was produced over a period of time as he received the information. (KIN72306)</li> <li>• CULLEN told the Hughes Inquiry he was unsure if MEHARG had actually received the document but was fully aware of the information contained in it (KIN72307)</li> <li>• Points 2-23 of JC3 are Exhibit DBE16 written on 21/03/74</li> <li>• Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> </ul>
<p>JC4</p> <p>Handwritten 1 page letter (undated and unsigned) addressed to ACC MEHARG, Crime Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that “a collation of information gathered over a period from February 1974 to the present” has been attached. <b>There are no attachments to this exhibit.</b></li> <li>• Refers to William MCGRATH as an Evangelical and Religious personality with strong loyalist views.</li> <li>• Refers to MCGRATH’s involvement with the British Israelites and with TARA</li> <li>• States that whilst he preaches morality “his own morals are questionable”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents contained within material held by PSNI. Unclear as to how document was subsequently passed to RUC</li> <li>• Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> <li>• <b>The points in JC4 are not contained in any report</b></li> </ul>

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<p>JC5</p> <p>2 pages of handwritten notes (unsigned and undated)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides details about TARA and naming William MCGRATH as 'Commandant'</li> <li>States that MCGRATH invited individuals (usually teenagers) through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, to his house</li> <li>MCGRATH would then stress the need of moral, physical and mental stability and eventually added sexual stability</li> <li>To obtain this stability, an individual needed to have complete sexual freedom, otherwise they had a "block"</li> <li>Makes reference to a massage machine which MCGRATH used on individuals</li> <li>Individuals were asked to strip, whilst MCGRATH was usually naked</li> <li>Before stripping himself, MCGRATH would leave the room and go upstairs. The impression was that he set up photography or a tape recorder</li> <li>Document mentions there were "plenty of weapons" provided to the men [of TARA], though no arms were seen</li> <li>Approximate membership was said to be 6-8000</li> <li>States there were plans for "blocking road, taking over buildings and fighting to the death if necessary"</li> <li>In Dec 1969 all units were alerted, went to Londonderry and patrolled roads watching for movement of arms</li> </ul>	<p><b>purportedly written by D/Con CULLEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents contained within material held by PSNI. Unclear as to how document was subsequently passed to RUC</li> <li>Contents of JC5 are contained within CULLEN's report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 'Intelligence relating to a paramilitary organisation known as TARA and concerning William MCGRATH, 188 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast' para 3-14</li> <li>Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> <li>The points in JC5 are not contained within DBE16</li> </ul>
<p>JC6</p> <p>1 page of handwritten notes (unsigned and undated)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States that Clifford SMYTH and MCGRATH were allegedly in receipt of information that a large number of Armalites when coming in for the IRA</li> <li>Provides a list of [TARA] members and their roles including Clifford SMYTH and Roy GARLAND</li> <li>MCGRATH told source that he could be a great leader or even PM someday</li> <li>MCGRATH claimed he was reporting to his superiors on the sources [GARLAND] progress and showed letters to GARLAND confirming this</li> <li><b>GARLAND believed that MCGRATH had written these letters himself</b></li> <li>MCGRATH changed his typewriter every couple of months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents contained within material held by PSNI. Unclear as to how document was subsequently passed to RUC</li> <li>Two points from JC6 are contained within CULLEN's report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 'Intelligence relating to a paramilitary organisation known as TARA and concerning William MCGRATH, [REDACTED]', [REDACTED], para 15 &amp; 18</li> <li>Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> <li>The points in JC6 are not contained within DBE16</li> </ul>
<p>JC7</p> <p>1page of handwritten notes (unsigned)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCGRATH's sons names at top of page</li> <li>Refers to [REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>Source had been sent to want him [REDACTED] that the police were going to search his house</li> <li>Document states MCGRATH though [REDACTED] was a communist in a loyalist organisation</li> <li>Refers to [REDACTED] Orangefield associating with MCGRATH and "may talk"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents contained within material held by PSNI. Unclear as to how document was subsequently passed to RUC</li> <li>Contents of JC7 are contained within CULLEN's report to ACC MEHARG of 26/01/80 'Intelligence Log – William MCGRATH' at para 26 – 28</li> </ul>

Exhibit Number	Synopsis of Information	Comment
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believed to have been written between March and July 1974 (KIN79261)</li> <li>• The points in JC7 are not contained within DBE16</li> </ul>
JC8 5pages of handwritten notes (unsigned and undated) – Information re: William MCGRATH 188 Upper N’ards Road, Belfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a synopsis of how CULLEN first got in touch with his source [GARLAND] through Mr McCORMICK</li> <li>• Refers to MCGRATH talking to young men about “mental blocks” and the need for moral, physical and mental stability through sexual freedom</li> <li>• MCGRATH then had private meetings with young men who he masturbated</li> <li>• On occasions MCGRATH photographed the source nude</li> <li>• Notes that o the source had been naked in a room without windows and two locks on the door with MCGRATH who was also naked. MCGRATH would use “nudes or porn photographs to excite his subject”</li> <li>• States that source told CULLEN of MCGRATH’s employment at Kinora Boys’ Home, named MAYNES [sic] as the warden and stated that he had been investigated for interfering with young boys at a holiday camp</li> <li>• At point 11 reference is made to making enquiries with EHSSB, BUNTING and GILLILAND and of receiving copies of letters relating to a Health Board investigation into the allegations against Mr MAYNES [sic]</li> <li>• Point 12 confirms all information was forwarded to Mr MEHARG and that no further enquiries were made by CULLEN</li> <li>• Points 13 – 16refer to MCGRATH’s political motivations, involvement with TARA and names a number of individuals involved in TARA and their roles in the organisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents contained within material held by PSNI. Unclear as to how document was subsequently passed to RUC</li> <li>• Believed to have been written between c. 25/01/1980 (KIN79261)</li> <li>• According to RUC Legal Advisor, Vincent LYNAGH, in correspondence to the Hughes Inquiry in December 1984, JC8 was “prepared on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1980 and is an unfinished rough first draft of the report prepared by D/Con CULLEN for the formal police investigation which commenced on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January 1980. This rough draft was started and prepared by D/Con CULLEN from memory at Police Headquarters without him having before him his papers...”</li> </ul>

The conclusion from the above is that the contents of JC1-3 and JC5-7 have been included in the three reports prepared by D/Con CULLEN on 26/01/1980 (see below).

The contents of JC4 do not appear to have been reproduced if any of these logs. JC4 is, at its height, a covering report, with no evidential content.

JC8 is described by LYNAGH in KIN 79261 as a “rough draft ... prepared by D/Con CULLEN from memory” in or about 25 January 1980; **all of the points contained within JC8 have been included in either CULLEN’s statement to the RUC in April 1980 or in one of the three reports prepared on 26/01/1980.**

In the material held by the PSNI, there is no documentation to suggest that CULLEN knew about allegations of abuse or homosexuality relating to MAINS before February 1976 when CULLEN met with BUNTING.

JC8 suggests that CULLEN knew from GARLAND of MAINS’ homosexuality. If this is before his meeting with Robert BUNTING in February 1976, this is at variance with CULLEN’s account to the

Hughes Inquiry, where he describes his surprise on learning from BUNTING of the historical allegations relating to MAINS (KIN 72133).

Similarly while SHAW states that she learned from GARLAND of MAINS' homosexuality, it is unclear when she learned this, or indeed who, if anyone, she passed this information onto.

There is a comment in Valerie SHAW's statement to Sussex Police that Roy GARLAND told her that MAINS was a homosexual in 1974. SHAW does not mention passing this on to D/Supt GRAHAM nor does GRAHAM mention receiving it. In the chronology of her statement, it features after her meeting with GRAHAM and she describes that she did not mention it to PAISLEY as it was only a rumour whereas she had mentioned MCGRATH.

GARLAND in his statements does not appear to ever mention MAINS. If he told SHAW in 1974 it would appear that she told no one else, nor does it appear that he [GARLAND] told anyone else except in this reference in JC8 (albeit this is undated).

In his anonymous phone call to the RUC in May 1973 and in the anonymous telephone call to Social Services in 1974 and when interviewed about both calls in the TERRY Review, GARLAND appears to only make reference to MCGRATH. It is unclear, therefore, if he had knowledge of MAINS' homosexuality, why he did not mention this in the anonymous calls to the RUC or Social Services.

CULLEN's focus in his statements and documents JC1-7 is on MCGRATH, although he clearly knows of MAINS' employment as is referenced in DBE16.

There is nothing available from the material held by the PSNI to infer that CULLEN had any knowledge of allegations concerning MAINS prior to February 1976. JC8 is dated by LYNAGH as being produced on 25 January 1980, "from memory".

#### **10. Written reports prepared by D/Con CULLEN to ACC MEHARG in 1980**

##### **Background**

Following the publication of Peter McKENNA's article in the Irish Independent on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1980, the following chain of events lead to D/Con CULLEN producing his three reports ( the contents of which are outlined below).

##### **24<sup>th</sup> January 1980**

1. 11am- D/Con CULLEN telephoned by Robert BUNTING (EHSSB) re 'press cutting' (OCD 133-memo from Chief Supt. FINN to ACC 'Crime' 24/1/1980)
2. 11am- Sir Barry SHAW, DPP, contacted Supt. W THOMPSON re the Irish Independent article. SHAW wanted to ascertain if a file had ever been sent by the RUC to his Department or had there ever been consultations on the matter(OCD 133-memo from Supt. THOMPSON C2 to Ch Supt. FINN)
  - a. Supt. THOMPSON contacted CID at Mountpottinger and learned that D/Con SCULLY had brought to the notice of Clive SCOLAR in 1977 suspicions of a homosexual relationship between MAINS and some of the boys.

3. 12pm- Supt. THOMPSON spoke to D/Con SCULLY by telephone who briefed him of his dealings with Kincora and EHSSB staff in 1977(OCD-133 memo from Supt. THOMPSON C2 to Chief Supt. FINN)
  - a. Supt. THOMPSON reported to Sir Barry SHAW that no file was in existence in Strandtown
4. 12.30pm- ACC SLEVIN directed Supt. HUNT to 'ascertain what progress had been made into police allegations of homosexual activity in 1977 by inmates in a boys' home on the Newtownards Road'. The information was required by a Mr MILLS of EHSSB to brief the NIO Minister in the afternoon (OCD 133- memo from Supt. M.R. HUNT C3 (2) to Ch Supt. FINN 24/1/1980).
5. 12.45pm- Supt HUNT contacted Supt. THOMPSON who told him he had made enquiries on the matter with the DPP's office (*ibid.*)
6. 12.55pm Supt. THOMPSON briefed Mr MILLS (*ibid.*)
7. 2.10pm Robert BUNTING called at RUC HQ and saw Chief Supt FINN and Supt. THOMPSON; the RUC officers were told by BUNTING that D/Con CULLEN had carried out an investigation in 1977 into allegations of homosexuality and links to paramilitaries by staff in Kincora. BUNTING told FINN that he had been told by CULLEN that he had submitted a report in 1978 (OCD 133-memo from Ch Supt. FINN to ACC 'Crime' 24/1/1980)
  - a. At the conclusion of the above meeting, Supt. THOMPSON updated Mr MILLS(OCD 133- memo from Supt. M.R. HUNT C3 (2) to Ch Supt. FINN 24/1/1980)
  - b. Supt. HUNT contacted D/Supt. BROWNE re information about CULLEN's 1977 investigation. BROWNE advised that he had just arranged a meeting with CULLEN and would also inform Mr MEHARG later in the evening. (OCD 133- memo from Supt. M.R. HUNT C3 (2) to Ch Supt. FINN 24/1/1980)
8. circa 3pm- CULLEN seen by D/Supt. BROWN who told him that he had not sent a file to the DPP on the matter (*ibid.*)
9. 4pm- Supt. THOMPSON rang Sir Barry SHAW and updated him that 'no file concerning Kincora had been forwarded to him and that no consultation with his staff had taken place in relation to it'. (*ibid.*)
10. evening- ACC MEHARG briefed by telephone by Chief Supt. MOONEY on his arrival at Belfast Airport on events of 24/1/1980; ACC MEHARG gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry that he left the airport and went directly to RUC HQ to meet MOONEY in person(KIN 72350)

#### 25<sup>th</sup> January 1980

1. early am -ACC MEHARG met with Ch. Supt. MOONEY (KIN 72350), D/I CORRIGAN, D/Con SCULLY and D/Con CULLEN at RUC HQ (OCD 133- memo from ACC MEHARG to Chief Superintendent C1, 28/1/1980)
2. pm- DCI CASKEY 'detailed to carry out an investigation into the newspaper article carried in the Irish Independent dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 1980' (*ibid.*)
3. Following his meeting with ACC MEHARG on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1980, D/Con CULLEN was instructed to 'up-date his report of 1974 and, if possible, obtain from Mr BUNTING, EHSSB, another copy of the correspondence relating to Mr MAINS'. (OCD 133- memo from ACC MEHARG to Chief Superintendent C1, 28/1/1980)

26<sup>th</sup> January 1980

D/Con CULLEN told the Terry Review (Sussex Police Exhibit 7 KIN 40945-40957) that following the publication of the article in the Irish Independent on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1980, he saw Mr BUNTING and Superintendent BROWN and was asked to produce a report 'quickly'. CULLEN later told the Hughes Inquiry that in 1980 he produced three documents in the one folder for Mr CASKEY (KIN 72320).

The contents of the three reports prepared by D/Con CULLEN on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1980 are outlined below:

**26/01/80 - Allegations of indecent behaviour and questionable activities of William MCGRATH, 50/60 years, 188 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast (30 paragraphs) (KIN50579 – 50581)**

- This report is signed by J.P. CULLEN D/Constable, 7994. This report appears to be the first/covering report of the three articles produced by CULLEN on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1980 as at paragraphs 29 and 30 the reader is told of two further attached 'logs'.
- No source document, as per exhibits JC1-8 and DBE 16, has been identified for this report. This report appears to form the basis of D/Con CULLEN's statement to DCI CASKEY in April 1980.
- Paragraph 16 of this 1980 report states that CULLEN was contacted in January 1976 by his informant [GARLAND] who disclosed then that he had reason to believe that MCGRATH was working in Kincora and that the Superintendent at the Home "may have been involved with interfering with some of the boys".
  - In fact it is known that CULLEN had known from his initial meetings with GARLAND in 1974 that MCGRATH was employed at Kincora (see Exhibit DBE16). Therefore the paragraph 16 is factually incorrect. If the first point of paragraph is factually incorrect it casts doubt as to the accuracy of the second point of this paragraph.
- This report makes reference to CULLEN's meeting with the EHSSB in February 1976. At paragraph 21 CULLEN states that he had "received information that the superintendent [MAINS] was alleged to have interfered with some of the boys" [at Kincora]. At paragraphs 22 and 23 CULLEN states that BUNTING confirmed that an allegation had been made against MAINS by one of the boys on a Summer Camp, the matter was investigated but no action had been taken against MAINS. CULLEN's description of what constituted the Mason File is a partially accurate portrayal of the allegations contained within; it is not accurate to describe it solely as an allegation at a summer camp; the Mason File contained allegations from 3 Kincora residents in 1967 and 1971 relating to abuse and inappropriate behaviour both at a summer camp and in Kincora.

**26/01/80 - Intelligence Log – William MCGRATH (54 paragraphs) (KIN50573 – 50578)**

- This report is dated in 1980 and analysis shows that this report is based solely on material contained in DBE16 (written on 21/03/74), JC2, JC3 and JC7.
- DBE16, JC2, JC3 and JC7 all contain redactions, whilst this report is in full and has no redactions. In other words it contains the complete versions of these 3 exhibits.

**26/01/80 - Intelligence relating to a paramilitary organisation known as TARA and concerning William MCGRATH, 188 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast (18 paragraphs) (KIN50582 – 50584)**

- Analysis shows that this report is based on material contained in JC1, JC5 and JC6, except for:
  - Paragraphs 16 and 17 which do not feature in any of the other exhibits written by D/Con CULLEN.
- The exhibit JC1 has been reproduced in full at paragraphs 10 and 11 of this report.

**Access/Reference to CULLEN's January 1980 reports**

The above paragraphs provides background to the production of the three January 1980 reports by D/Con CULLEN and how they compare to CULLEN's statement to the RUC in April 1980, his report of 21 March 1974 (DBE 16) and the documents referred to as JC1-8. The HIAI has raised a query over the dissemination of these reports, in particular were they made available to

- the 1980 RUC CASKEY investigation and subsequently
- the Terry Review
- Hughes Inquiry.

1980 RUC CASKEY investigation and subsequently

In his evidence to Hughes, (KIN 72318, 72320) D/Con CULLEN stated that he submitted reports based on JC1-8 to his authorities in 1980. The choreography that leads to their production is illustrated above. The query arises as to whether or not CASKEY was in possession of the three January 1980 reports, and if so, when.

It is clear from the minute of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1980 (OCD 133, page 118) that DCI CASKEY had been detailed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1980 to 'carry out an investigation into the newspaper article carried in the Irish Independent dated 24 January 1980'. The same minute, which was copied to CASKEY via the Detective Chief Supt. C1 (and signed by Detective Supt. D. BROWNE) indicated that D/Cons SCULLY and CULLEN would both be providing reports covering their actions previously.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1980 there is an entry in CASKEY's police journal (OCD 225) stating that he saw CULLEN and D/Sgt ELLIOTT on 'Homo Sexual Case'. Given the title of the meeting and those attending, it is clear that this would have involved CULLEN briefing CASKEY. It is therefore reasonable to suggest that CULLEN was furnishing CASKEY with either written copies of his report or, at the least providing CASKEY with a verbal briefing of the contents contained within same.

It is therefore clear that DCI CASKEY would have either been in possession of or awaiting these reports from CULLEN in January 1980.

D/Sgt ELLIOTT's interview brief- March/April 1980

Prior to William McGRATH's arrest on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1980 D/Sgt B ELLIOTT prepared an interview brief (OCD 157 pages 11-17) which was based on a "resume of information received from a source on ... 6 March 1980". The 'source' was Roy Garland; D/Sgt ELLIOTT provided a statement to the RUC Phase 1 investigation (KIN 10762) on the meeting he had with GARLAND on 6/3/1980.

Whilst it may be that the same information was passed by GARLAND to ELLIOTT in 1980, as had already been given to D/Con CULLEN in 1974, it is of note that parts of ELLIOTT's interview brief are very similar to the contents of D/Con CULLEN's report of 26 January 1980, 'Intelligence Log- William McGRATH'.

It is not clear if prior to meeting GARLAND, D/Sgt ELLIOTT had knowledge of the contents of the 26 January 1980 reports. Whilst there may have been logic in allowing D/Sgt ELLIOTT access to the CULLEN reports, there would equally have been an argument for ensuring that he took an original account direct from GARLAND on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1980. To ensure that GARLAND's account to D/Sgt ELLIOTT in 1980 was uninfluenced by what CULLEN had recorded from him some 6 years previously, there would have been an investigative legitimacy in not providing ELLIOTT with CULLEN's 1980 reports.

It should be considered however that D/Sgt ELLIOTT attended the 29 January 1980 meeting with CASKEY (as per his journal entry above). The interview brief prepared by D/Sgt ELLIOTT is broadly comparable with the January 1980 reports; however there are differences in terms of language and style. For example, the massage machine with an attachment for fitting over the penis for stimulation (as per paragraph 14 of the Intelligence Log dated 26/1/1980) may be what is referred to by D/Sgt ELLIOTT in the following terms, 'source indicates that he has no doubt that McGRATH has equipment at his house in the form of vibrators and such like'.

There is also information recorded by ELLIOTT not previously noted by CULLEN, for example, 'source will also state that McGRATH is known to Basil Glass of the Alliance party and suggest that Jos CALDWELL is a friend of McGRATH's'- this information was not previously recorded by CULLEN.

#### The Terry Review – March 1982

D/Con CULLEN was interviewed by Superintendent HARRISON and C/Insp. FLENLEY from Sussex Police on 12/03/1982 (KIN 40736). At the conclusion of his interview, D/Con CULLEN handed C/Insp FLENLEY 'photostat copies of three reports all dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 1980 addressed to ACC MEHARG...'. Therefore in March 1982, the Terry Review had been given copies of CULLEN's three reports dated 26 January 1980.

#### Request from D/Superintendent CASKEY to ACC 'Crime' 1/3/1982 (OCD 281, pages 207+)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1982 D/Supt. CASKEY submitted a request to Special Branch, via ACC Crime, seeking background information on 17 individuals.

These individuals had been named in D/Con CULLEN's report of 26 January 1980, 'Intelligence Log- William McGRATH'. A copy of CULLEN's report was attached to the request to SB. The response from SB, prepared by DCI McCONAGHIE, is dated 4/3/1982.

This demonstrates that by March 1982, CASKEY had and was referring to, CULLEN's report(s) of January 1980.

#### Hughes Inquiry

There is no evidence that copies of the three reports dated 26 January 1980 were presented to the Inquiry. It is unclear why they would have had copies of same as the Hughes Inquiry was primarily focused on the role of Social Care.

During his evidence to Hughes Inquiry(KIN 72318 'G and KIN 72320 D')D/Con CULLEN is clear that the contents of JC 1 and 2 were provided to CASKEY . This is also confirmed in correspondence to the Hughes Inquiry from the RUC Legal Advisor, Vincent LYNAGH (KIN 79261).